

Activities of AACC in 2023



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13-14 December 2023: Participation in the 12th Arab-Hellenic Economic Forum in Athens



L-t-r: Mohammed Raied, Chairman, Libyan General Union of Chambers of Commerce, Libya – Eng. Wesam Eledrisi, Undersecretary for Diwan Affairs and Maritime Transport Libya – SG Mouddar Khouja, AACC – Dr. Abdullah Al-Harthi, Board Member Oman Chamber of Commerce & Industry

AACC Secretary-General Eng. Khouja participated in the 12th Arab-Hellenic Economic Forum, a two day networking Forum organised by the Arab-Hellenic Chamber of Commerce & Development.

Together with counterparts from Germany, Oman, Libya, Iraq, Jordan and many more, the Secretary General took an active part as a speaker and discussant at the "Chambers Round Table Discussion".



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29 November 2023: Cooperative Talks with Partners of the Libyan Ministry of Economy for Digital Transformation & Electronic Online Document Handling



AACC Secretary-General Eng. Khouja received a delegation of high-level representatives from Libya Trade **Network**, an e-government project implemented by the Libyan Ministry of Economy, to regulate the international trade process inside of Libya and with different related public and private sector institutions. The Libyan delegation comprised of **H.E. Dr. Sliman A.M. Al-Ajili**, Former Minister of Economy of Libya; Mr. Emhemed Elderwish, Chairman of the Board of Directors; and Mr. Haitham Rajab, Assistant Executive Director for Digital Commerce Affairs.



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28 November 2023: AACC welcomes the Libyan Minister of Industry & Minerals and delegation at its premises



AACC Secretary-General Eng. Khouja welcomed H.E. Mr. Ahmed Abu Hisa, the Minister of Industry & Minerals of the State of Libya, accompanied by H.E. Dr. Osama Abdulhadi, Ambassador of the State of Libya to Austria, and high-level delegates at the premises of the Austro-Arab Chamber of Commerce.



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27 November 2023: 13th Arab-Austrian Economic Forum & Exhibition





technological innovations and business Inspiring potentials with Arab countries were presented at the 13th **Arab-Austrian Economic Forum**, which was held on November 27, 2023 at the Haus der Wiener Wirtschaft in Vienna with over 200 participants attending. The Forum was organized by the Austro-Arab Chamber of Commerce (AACC) and the **Vienna Chamber of Commerce (WKW),** in cooperation with official institutions, diplomatic missions of Arab countries and international organizations, and focused on energy strategies and economic cooperation with Arab countries.

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29 October – 03 November 2023: Work Visit to the United Arab Emirates and Oman



In the **Sultanate of Oman**, the Secretary General was received by the Minister of Energy and Minerals H.E. Mr. Salim bin Nasser bin Said Al Aufi, and by the Chairman of the Oman Chamber of Commerce & Industry Mr. Faisal Abdullah Al Rowas and Mr. **Abdullah Al-Harthi,** Chairman of the Committee of Energy at the Oman Chamber and AACC Board Member.





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29 October – 03 November 2023: Work Visit to the United Arab Emirates and Oman



During his stay in Sharjah, the Secretary General met with H.E. Mr. Abdullah Sultan Al-Owais, President of Sharjah Chamber of Commerce and Industry and Member of the AACC's Board of Directors, and high-level functionaries of the chamber.



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29 October – 03 November 2023: Work Visit to the United Arab Emirates and Oman



On 29 October, AACC' Secretary General Mr. Khouja was invited to attend the First Conference on the Arab Language, organised by the Arabic Language Academy in Sharjah under the auspices of His Highness Sheikh Dr. Sultan bin Mohammed Al Qasimi, Supreme Council Member and Ruler of Sharjah.

The conference brought together a significant number of scholars, orientalists, and Arabists from various European countries, including Austria.



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18-19 October 2023: 20th Conference of Arab Businessmen and Investors & Meeting of Joint Foreign-Arab Chambers of Commerce in Amman, Jordan



On 18-19 October 2023, President **Dr. Werner Fasslabend** and Secretary

General Eng. **Mouddar Khouja** took part

in the 20th Conference of Arab

Businessmen and Investors, and the

meeting of the Joint Foreign-Arab

Chambers of Commerce and the Union of

Arab Chambers in Amman, Jordan.



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5 October 2023: VIP Reception with the Saudi Minister of Economy



On 5 October 2023, AACC was invited to an Exclusive Reception with **His Excellency Faisal F. Alibrahim**, Minister of Economy and Planning of the Kingdom of Saudi-Arabia.

AACC's President, Arab President, Secretary General and members followed the exclusive invitation.



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4 October 2023: Company Visit for Arab Ambassadors & Diplomats at Beyond Gravity Austria

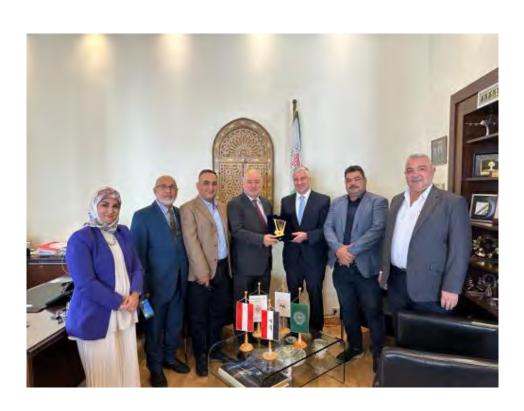


On 4 October 2023, AACC coordinated an exclusive company visit and tour at **Beyond Gravity Austria for Arab Ambassadors and Diplomats.** The visit was honoured by the participation of the Ambassador of the **United Arab Emirates, Libya**; the **Sudan**; and **Morocco**; in addition to diplomats from **Algeria**, **Iraq**, **Jordan, GCC, Oman, Qatar** and **Tunisia.** From AACC, Secretary General Eng. Mouddar Khouja and Member of the Board Dr. Ernst Huber were present. After **presentations** by the CEO and senior management leaders of the company, the delegation was invited for specific inspections of the cleanrooms and workshop units.



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28 September 2023: Meeting with Delegation from the Baghdad Chamber of Commerce



On 28 September 2023, AACC Secretary General **Eng. Mouddar Khouja** received a delegation of the Baghdad Chamber of Commerce at the chamber's premises in Vienna upon the kind coordination with the Embassy of the Republic of Iraq in Vienna.

The delegation was headed by Mr. Ali Jawad Kadhim Almukhtar, Member of the Board of Directors of Baghdad Chamber of Commerce (BCC), and comprised of several Iraqi entrepreneurs. Ms. Manar Abed, Second Secretary at the Iraqi embassy in Vienna, was also present at the meeting. Mr. Samuel Krupensky from Kruner Industries GmbH, a new member company of AACC, joined the meeting online and presented his innovative proprietary binder technology.



27 September 2023: Courtesy Visit of Finncham Austria's President to AACC Secretary-General



On 27 September 2023, the Secretary-General of the Austro-Arab Chamber of Commerce Eng. Mouddar Khouja received the President of FinnCham Austria **Mr. Johannes Axnix** for a Courtesy Visit at the premises of AACC.

Founded 50 years ago, FinnCham Austria is the Austro-Finnish Chamber of Commerce, providing business services, networking events, consultancies and support for Finnish enterprises in Austria and vice versa, in close cooperation with the Finnish Embassy in Vienna.



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12 September 2023: Constituent Meeting of the Hammer-Purgstall Gesellschaft



On 12 October 2023, the HPG Hammer-Purgstall Gesellschaft has been founded at the Diplomatic Academy, with the participation of AACC and other institutions.



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4-6 September 2023: AACC meets with High-level Delegation from the Libyan Ministry of Agriculture



On 6 September 2023, AACC coordinated a visit of the Libyan delegation to **BAUER GmbH Röhren- und Pumpenwerk**, an Austrian company leading in irrigation systems, waste water and slurry technologies based in Styria. The high-level delegates were warmly welcomed by **Mr. Andreas Schitter**, Shareholder and Financial Director at Bauer GmbH, who presented the company's profile.



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4-6 September 2023: AACC meets with High-level Delegation from the Libyan Ministry of Agriculture



On September 4, 2023, AACC Secretary-General Eng. Khouja meet with a delegation from the "Agricultural and Livestock Projects Development and Investment Agency" of the Libyan Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Marine Resources, first at the embassy's premises and later at AACC.

The delegation was headed by **Dr. Ahmed Mustafa Abu Zeid**, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Agency; **Ms. Sumayyah Abdulhadi**, Directorate of the International Cooperation Department; **Mr. Albashir Abokhris**, Directorate of Relations; **Mr. Hossein Basher** and **Mr. Alfeetouri Ahmad Omar Salmah**, Members of the Board of Directors. **Mr. Essa ESSA**, Minister Plenipotentiary at the embassy, was also present, together with **Eng. Amer Auf**, businessman, CEO of **Bags Grain Handels AG** and **member of AACC**, to explore opportunities for collaboration in advancing agricultural practices and technologies in Libya, and in strengthening international cooperation and partnerships in the fields of agriculture and livestock.



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8 September 2023: AACC organises the "Ambassadors' Meeting" in collaboration with the Vienna School of International Studies



On 8 September 2023, the Austro-Arab Chamber of Commerce (AACC) organised the "Ambassadors' Meeting at Vienna School of International Studies", in collaboration with the Vienna School of International Studies (also known as "Diplomatische Akademie Wien"), which was marked by the participation of the Austrian ambassadors to Kuwait, Libya, Syria and the United Arab Emirates, as well as a number of Arab embassies, represented by Their Excellencies the Ambassadors or diplomats in charge of bilateral relations.

The participants were warmly welcomed by AACC's President H.E. Former Minister Dr. Werner Fasslabend; H.E. Ambassador Dr. Emil Brix, Director of Vienna School of International Studies; H.E. Mr. Hamad Alkaabi, Ambassador of the United Arab Emirates to Austria and Current President of the Arab Ambassadors Council in Vienna; and AACC Secretary-General Eng. Mouddar Khouja, who moderated the meeting.



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7 September 2023: AACC Secretary-General Visits the Ambassador of the United Arab Emirates to Austria and Current President of the Arab Ambassadors Council in Vienna



On 7 September 2023, AACC Secretary-General Eng. Khouja paid a courtesy visit to H.E. Mr. Hamad Alkaabi, Ambassador of the United Arab Emirates to Austria in his capacity as current President of the Arab Ambassadors Council in Vienna.

During the meeting, they discussed upcoming joint activities with the Council, including company visits and in particular the upcoming **Arab-Austrian Economic Forum**



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7 September 2023: AACC Secretary-General meets with the CEO Gruppe RUAG International / Beyond Gravity



On 7 September 2023, AACC Secretary General Eng. Khouja was invited to meet with **Mr. André Wall**, CEO Gruppe RUAG International and Beyond Gravity, at the premises of Beyond Gravity Austria GmbH. This was a follow-up to meetings organised by AACC for H.E. Dr. Sherif Sedky, the President of the Egyptian Space Agency, during his visit to Austria in June, and Beyond Gravity Austria GmbH's visit to AACC last month.



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5 September 2023: AACC President and Secretary-General Pay a Courtesy Visit to the Newly-appointed Ambassador of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia



On 5 September 2023, AACC President Dr. Werner Fasslabend and Secretary-General Eng. Mouddar Khouja paid a courtesy visit to H.E. Ambassador Abdullah Khalid Tawlah, the newly-appointed Ambassador of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to Austria at the premises of the embassy, in presence of Mr. Ahmad Alrakhis, First Secretary and Head of the Commerce Department. President Dr. Fasslabend and Secretary-General Khouja congratulated H.E. Ambassador Tawlah on his new post and welcomed him in Vienna.

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25-29 July 2023: AACC coordinates a visiting program for delegates from the Oman Chamber of Commerce & Industry



In close cooperation with the Embassy of the Sultanate of Oman in Vienna, the Austro-Arab Chamber of Commerce coordinated a visiting program for delegates of the Oman Chamber of Commerce & Industry in Austria and the Slovak Republic from 25 until 29 July 2023. The high-level delegates were **Dr. Abdullah** Masaud Al Harthi, OCCI Board Member, Chairman-Energy and Mining Committee, and Member of AACC's Board of Directors; and Dr. Siham Ahmed Al-Harthi, OCCI Board Member and Chairperson-Tourism Committee. Throughout the program, the delegates had the opportunity to visit several distinguished institutions and to engage in productive meetings with Austrian businessmen and company representatives.



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11 July 2023: AACC President and Board Member receive the Ambassador of the Kingdom of Bahrain for a Fare-well Visit



On 11 July 2023, AACC President H.E. Former Minister **Dr. Werner** Fasslabend and Member of AACC Board Directors Dr. Ernst Huber received His Excellency Dr. Yusuf Abdulkarim Bucheeri, the Ambassador of the Kingdom of Bahrain accredited to Austria, for a fare-well visit at the premises of the Austro-Arab Chamber of Commerce. The President of AACC commended the excellent cooperation between the Embassy of the Kingdom of Bahrain in Geneve with AACC during the past years under the lead of His Excellency Dr. Bucheeri. On his turn, Ambassador Dr. Bucheeri expressed his high appreciation for AACC's efforts in strengthening Austro-Arab relation, and asked for its active support regarding the opening of bilateral diplomatic representations in the respective countries, and to establish direct flight connections between Austria and Bahrain.



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23 June 2023: AACC's Secretary General Eng. Mouddar Khouja pays a Courtesy Visit to the Newly-appointed Ambassador of the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria to Austria



On 23 June 2023, AACC Secretary-General Eng. Khouja paid a courtesy visit to H.E. Ambassador Larbi Latrosh, the newlyappointed Ambassador of the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria to Austria. Secretary-General Khouja congratulated H.E. Ambassador Latrosh on his new position and warmly welcomed him to Vienna. During his visit, Secretary-General Khouja introduced H.E. Ambassador Latrosh to the activities and services of AACC. Together, they discussed potential economic cooperation and joint activities between Austria and Algeria especially in the field of renewable energy and hydrogen to foster stronger bilateral relations and explore opportunities for trade, investment, and cultural exchange between the two countries.

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20 June 2023: AACC's Secretary General Eng. Mouddar Khouja receives ABC Bank at the premises of the AACC



On 6 June, AACC met in Berlin with representatives of the Bank ABC and invited them for a follow-up meeting in Vienna. Following, on 20 June, AACC Secretary General Mr. Khouja welcomed General Manager Mr. Alf Sörensen and Senior Relation Manager Mrs. Valentina Kuhlen at the AACC's premises, where they exchanged views on Bank ABC's engagement in Austria and the Arab Countries. SG Khouja presented the chamber and its network and invited the Bank to join as members.

ABC decided to become a member of AACC and to strengthen the relations with Austrian companies who are engaged in the Arab countries.



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10 June 2023: AACC's Secretary General Eng. Mouddar Khouja and Eng. Amer Auf present Investment and Economic Opportunities in Austria



On June 10 2023, a seminar on "Investment and Economic Opportunities in Austria" was held at the Vienna Islamic Center featuring Eng. Mouddar Khouja, Secretary General of AACC and Eng. Amer Auf, CEO of Bags Grain Handels GmbH and member of AACC as distinguished guest speakers.

Moderated by **Dr. Ahmed Al Mofareh,** Director of the Office of the Muslim World League in Austria, the evening focused on economic matters and was attended by a number of entrepreneurs and individuals from the Arab-speaking community in Austria both in-person and online via livestreaming.



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5-7 June 2023: AACC President, Secretary General und Board Member participate in the 26th Arab-German Business Forum of Ghorfa in Berlin



AACC President Former Minister **Dr. Werner Fasslabend**, SG **Mouddar Khouja** and Board Member Former Minister **Mr. Herbert Scheibner** participated in the 26th Arab-German Business Forum of the Arab-German Chamber of Commerce and Industry (Ghorfa) that took place from 5-7 June 2023 in Berlin. President **Dr. Fasslabend** was warmly welcomed by his German counterpart Former Minister **Peter Ramsauer**, President of Ghorfa, and seized the opportunity to meet other chairmen and high-leve representatives of Arab chambers, businessmen and decision-makers.



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2-6 June 2023: AACC coordinates meetings for the President of the Egyptian Space Agency with Austrian companies



From 2-6 June 2023, AACC in cooperation with the Embassy of the Arab Republic of Egypt in Vienna coordinated both virtual and inperson meetings for H.E. Dr. Sherif Sedky, the President of the Egyptian Space Agency.

The meetings provided selected companies based in Austria with the opportunity to present their portfolios and engage in discussions regarding potential cooperation and project opportunities.

The CEOs and representatives of **TTTech Group, RHP Technology GmbH** and **Beyond Gravity Austria GmbH** participated in individual meetings for presentations and exchange of ideas with the President of the Egyptian Space Agency.



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24 May 2023: AACC coordinates courtesy visit for the Kuwaiti Ambassador at the Vienna

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24 May 2023: AACC coordinates courtesy visit for the Kuwaiti Ambassador at the Vienna City Council



On 24 May 2023, the Ambassador of the State of Kuwait to Austria HE **Mr. Talal Alfassam** was welcomed for a courtesy visit and meetings at the Vienna City Council. The meeting was initiated and coordinated by AACC Secretary General **Mr. Mouddar Khouja** with the support of His Excellency **Mr. Omar Al-Rawi**, Member of State Parliament and City Council Vienna, and member of AACC's Board of Directors.

The Ambassador and Secretary General were first received by **H.E. Mr. Peter Hanke**, Executive City Councillor of Finance, Business, Labour, International Affairs, and Vienna Public Utilities of the City of Vienna.

After the meeting, **H.E. Ambassador Alfassam** and Secretary General **Mr. Khouja** were welcomed as guests of honour to attend a session of the Vienna City Council from the **VIP box** of the meeting hall. At a later tour through the building, they also met several other representatives of the Vienna City Council.



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22 May 2023: AACC coordinates High-Level Meeting with the CEO of Vienna International Airport



On 22 May 2023, AACC coordinated a high-level meeting with the CEO of Vienna Airport Mag. Julian Jäger, the Ambassador of the State of Libya to Austria His Excellency Dr. Osama Abdulhadi, the Vienna Business Location Advocate and Deputy Managing Director of the Vienna Chamber of Commerce & Industry Dr. Alexander Biach and AACC Secretary General Dl Mouddar Khouja, to discuss the reestablishment of direct flight connections between Libya and Austria.

The meeting was also attended by Ms. Belina Neumann, Vice President Aviation Department; Mr. Sebastian Wolf, Director Route Development MEA, Eastern & South Asia Aviation Department; Mr. Stefan Ehrengruber, Senior Manager Airport Charges Aviation Development from Vienna International Airport (Flughafen Wien AG); as well as by Mr. Essa Essa, Minister and Mr. Esam Ganbour, Counselor at the Embassy of the State of Libya in Vienna.



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17 May 2023: Round Table with a High-Level Delegation of the Saudi Ministry of Industry and Mineral Resources & Austrian Companies





On 17 May 2023, AACC invited Austrian companies of the industrial sector for a Round Table to meet with high-level representatives of the Ministry of Industry and Mineral Resources and other institutions of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, to discuss scopes of cooperation, future projects and partnerships between the two countries.

The Saudi delegation was welcomed by AACC President HE Dr. Werner Fasslabend and comprised of HE Mr. Mohammed Alswailem, Deputy Minister for Industrial Services; HE Mr. Albadr Foudeh, Deputy Minister for Development and Empowerment, and representatives of the ministry. From the Austrian side, HE Former Governor Mr. Hans Niessl, AACC Secretary General Mr. Mouddar Khouja and representatives from Burgenland Energie AG, Linde Hydrogen, Skinrock AG, Kruner Industries and Technikgruppe were present.



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16 May 2023: Signing of Memorandum of Understanding with the Council of Slovak Exporters



On 16 May 2023, AACC signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the **Council of Slovak Exporters**, a business platform composed of private entities to promote, facilitate and support export and business activities.

The signing of the MoU by AACC President Former Minister **Dr. Werner Fasslabend** and the Chairman of the Council, Former State Secretary **Mr. Lukáš Parízek**, marked the beginning of a close cooperation and strategic partnership between Austria, the Slovak Republic and the Arab countries.







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16 May 2023: AACC cordially welcomes its New President: His Excellency Former Minister of Defence Dr. Werner Fasslabend

On 16 May 2023, **His Excellency Dr. Werner Fasslabend**, Former Minister of Defence of the Republic of Austria, was elected unanimously as New President of the AACC at the Chamber's Extraordinary General Assembly.

The newly-elected President of the AACC emphasized his commitment to advancing Austro-Arab relations and highlighted Austria's economic situation and trade volume with the world and the Arab region.

The President expressed his eagerness to collaborate with AACC, its founder, the Executive Committee, Arab Ambassadors, and esteemed members and representatives.





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16 May 2023: AACC holds its Extraordinary Session of the 32nd General Assembly Meeting and 33rd Board of Directors Meeting to Elect a New President



On 16 May 2023, AACC held its extraordinary session of the "32nd General Assembly Meeting" together with the "33rd Board of Directors Meeting" at Palais Eschenbach in Vienna and simultaneously online (hybrid) to elect a new president.

The meeting was led by AACC Secretary-General **Eng. Mouddar Khouja** and marked by the participation of over 80 persons from all over the world, including high-level officials, presidents and secretaries general of Arab chambers, Arab ambassadors, diplomats and businesspersons, who joined both, in person and online.



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4 May 2023: AACC Secretary-General Visits the Jordanian Ambassador/ Chairman of the Arab Ambassadors Council in Austria



On 4 May 2023, H.E. Ambassador Dr. Haytham Abu Alfoul, received AACC Secretary-General Mr. Khouja for a courtesy visit, which took place at the premises of the Jordanian embassy and in the presence of Counselor Ms. Rana Abida.

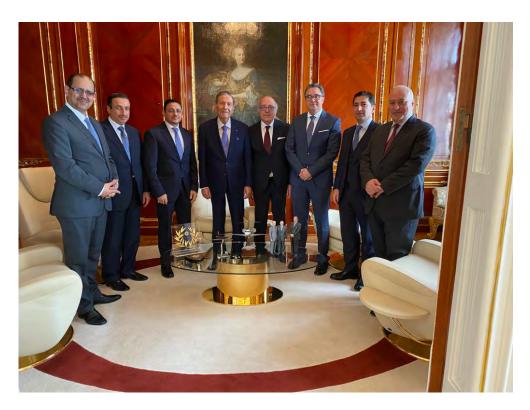
During this meeting, SG Khouja presented the Chamber's legal status and scope of work under the umbrella of the League of Arab States and discussed with Ambassador Abu Alfoul the procedure of the General Assembly and the role of the Arab Ambassadors Council. SG Khouja also elaborated on the necessity of electing a new president for the Chamber and amending the statutes.

Ambassador Abu Alfoul and SG also discussed a number of cooperation prospects between Austria and the Arab Countries.



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5 April 2023: VIMPEX hosts a Coordination Meeting to Elect a new Austrian President for AACC



On 5 April 2023, AACC Founder and Arab President H.E. KR Nabil Kuzbari hosted an AACC coordination meeting between AACC's President Designate H.E. Former Minister Dr. Werner Fasslabend and a number of Arab Ambassadors to Austria at the premises of VIMPEX GmbH.

The meeting was attended by H.E. Mr. Haytham Shoja'aadin, Ambassador of the Republic of Yemen to Austria and Current Chair of the Arab Ambassadors Council; H.E. Ambassador Mohamed Samir Koubaa, Head of Mission of the League of Arab States in Vienna; H.E. Mr. Haitham Abu Alfoul, Ambassador of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan to Austria; H.E. Mr. Mohamed Elmolla, Ambassador of the Arab Republic of Egypt to Austria; H.E. Mr. Yousuf Aljabri, Ambassador of the Sultanate of Oman; Mr. Louai Kuzbari, Vice President of VIMPEX GmbH and Member of AACC Board of Directors, and AACC Secretary-General Eng. Mouddar Khouja.



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14 March 2023: AACC Secretary-General KhoujaParticipates in an Interview with Radio Algeria International



On 14 March 2023, AACC SG Khouja was interviewed for one hour live by Radio Algeria International, as part of the programme "Economic Orientation الوجهة الاقتصادية, where he spoke about the "Austrian Economic Reality and Horizons" اقتصاد النمسا واقع وآفاق ".



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13 March 2023: AACC Secretary-General Khouja Meets the New CEO of AACC Company Member STRABAG



On 13 March 2023, AACC Secretary-General Eng. Mouddar Khouja paid a courtesy visit to Mr. Klemens Haselsteiner, the newly-appointed CEO of AACC's company member STRABAG AG, to discuss the possibility of strengthening STRABAG's presence in the Arab region and collaboration prospects between AACC and STRABAG.

SG Khouja elaborated on several construction programmes and projects across various Arab countries, and the two recalled STRABAG's activities in the Arab region, particularly in the Gulf and in North Africa (Egypt, Libya) among others.



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23 February 2023: AACC Secretary-General Khouja Meets the Deputy Director of Vienna Economic Chamber (WKW)



On 23 February 2023, AACC Secretary-General Eng. Mouddar Khouja visited Dr. Alexander Biach, Deputy Director of Vienna Economic Chamber (WKW).

Dr. Biach warmly welcomed SG Khouja and together they exchanged views on enhancing cooperation and partnerships between the Arab countries and Vienna, more particularly on positioning Vienna as an ultimate business location and melting pot and enhancing Schwechat Airport as a hub for direct international flights between North Africa and Austria.

Among the several topics discussed was the recent visit of the Mayor of Rabat Ms. Asmaa Rhlalou to Austria.



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20 February 2023: AACC Coordinates a Meeting between the Ambassador of Oman to Austria & AACC's Company Member Nous Wissensmanagement GmbH



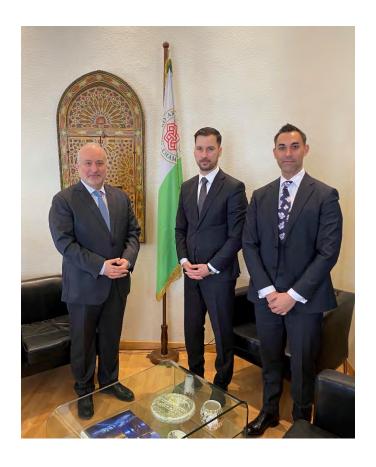
On 20 February 2023, AACC Secretary-General Eng. Mouddar Khouja hosted a meeting between the Ambassador of the Sultanate of Oman to Austria His Excellency Mr. Yousuf Aljabri accompanied by Dr. Mag. Wafaa Elewa from the Economic Affairs Office at the Omani embassy, and Dr. Raphael Schneeberger and Mag. Wolfgang Schreiner, CEOs and co-partners of Nous Wissensmanagement GmbH, a company member of AACC.

The meeting served to introduce the company's extensive portfolio and discuss with Ambassador Aljabri scopes of cooperation in the tourism sector in the Sultanate.



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16 February 2023: AACC Secretary-General Receives a Delegation from the Council of Slovak Exporters



Upon an initiative from the Council of Slovak Exporters, AACC Secretary-General Eng. Mouddar Khouja received on 16 February 2023 Mr. Lukáš Parízek and Mr. Zulf Hyatt-Khan, Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the Council of Slovak Exporters respectively, at AACC's office in Vienna.

This meeting served to introduce both institutions to each other and explore avenues of collaboration in fields of mutual interest, particularly in light of the Council's efforts to promote the Slovak Republic worldwide and attract international investments to the country.



13 February 2023: Courtesy Visit to Vienna Economic Chamber (WKW) with the Ambassador of Kuwait



On 13 February 2023, the Secretary-General of AACC Eng. Mouddar Khouja and His Excellency Mr. Talal Alfassam, Ambassador of the State of Kuwait to Austria, paid a courtesy visit to His Excellency Eng. Walter Ruck, President of the Vienna Economic Chamber (WKW), at WKW's premises.

President Ruck and his team warmly welcomed the delegates and provided an insight to the chamber and its portfolio, whereas Ambassador Alfassam expressed Kuwait's interest in investment and cooperation with Austrian institutions and companies in many fields.



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8 February 2023: AACC Coordinates a Meeting with Montana Aerospace AG for the Kuwaiti Ambassador



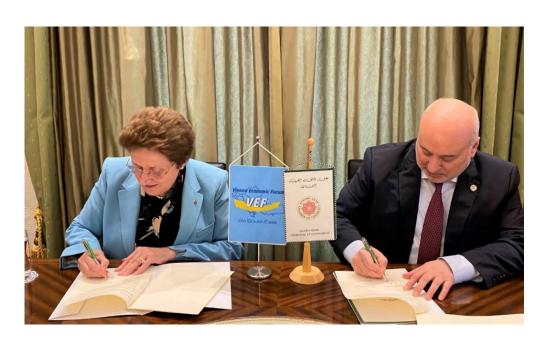
On 8 February 2023, AACC coordinated a meeting for His Excellency Mr. Talal Alfassam, Ambassador of the State of Kuwait to Austria, with Prof. DDr. Michael Tojner, Co-Chairman of the Board of Directors, and Dr. Michael Pistauer, CO-CEO & CFO of Montana Areospace AG, one of the world's leading manufacturers of complex lightweight components and structures for the aerospace industry, and other products.

This meeting was held in the presence of AACC Secretary General Eng. Mouddar Khouja at the premises of the Vienna office of Montana Aerospace AG, with the aim of discussing various scopes of investment and cooperation.



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25 January 2023: AACC & the Vienna Economic Forum Sign a Memorandum of Understanding



With the aim of enhancing mutual relations and strengthening cooperation between Austria, Southeastern European countries and Arab countries, the Austro-Arab Chamber of Commerce (AACC), represented by its Secretary-General Eng. Mouddar Khouja, and the Vienna Economic Forum (VEF), represented by its Secretary-General H.E. Ambassador Dr. Elena Kirtcheva, signed a Memorandum of Understanding on 25 January 2023.

This bilateral agreement between AACC and VEF demonstrates the will of both parties as strategic partners to establish cooperation and good relations between both institutions, by means of mutual support of each other's initiatives and activities, organising joint events and sharing useful information on the economic situation and developments aimed at supporting the goals of both institutions.





24 January 2023: AACC Coordinates a Meeting with the Qatari Ambassador to Austria to Discuss Cooperation Prospects in the Field of Sports



On 24 January 2023, AACC coordinated a meeting between His Excellency Mr. Sultan Salmeen Almansouri, Ambassador of the State of Qatar to Austria, Mr. Stjepan Stazic, CEO of Basektball Club Vienna (BC Vienna), and Mr. Peko Baxant, Member of the Vienna State Parliament & City Council and Auditor at BC Vienna, in the presence of AACC Secretary-General Eng. Mouddar Khouja.

This meeting, which was held at the premises of the Qatari embassy in Vienna, served to introduce the club's portfolio and discuss with H.E. Ambassador Almansouri scopes of cooperation in the field of sports in general and in basketball in particular.



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17 January 2023: AACC Secretary-General Visits the Libyan Ambassador to Austria



On 17 January 2023, AACC Secretary-General DI. Mouddar Khouja was received by H.E. Dr. Osama Abduljalil Abdulhadi, Ambassador of Libya to Austria for a courtesy visit at the premises of the Libyan embassy in Vienna.

Secretary-General Khouja introduced AACC's new One-Stop-Shop Service for legalisations and notary certifications and discussed with H.E. Ambassador Dr. Abdulhadi ways to improve mutual investment conditions and procedures between Austria and Libya, as well as dispute settlement.

Finally, the two deliberated on the topic of outbound flights from Tripoli to the EU.